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Gal. 4:4-5 "But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons."

Dear praying friends and lifeline holders,

As we prepare this letter and think about all that you folks have done toward this work and this missionary family, our hearts are so very thankful for the honor and privilege it is to be serving with you here on the island of Guam. Most of all, we are humbled at the thought that the Creator of this island and the whole universe was willing to step down to this Earth and provide a Way for us to know him in a personal way. Praise His holy Name!

As we close out 2013 and reflect on the blessings of this year, we have much to be thankful for and to praise our Lord for in His bountiful blessings. A little over a year ago, we came to this village of Merizo not knowing what the future would hold. Maybe it was little faith, but our expectations were rather low, and anticipation for a long road to see a church here seemed inevitable. We do not by any means proclaim the work finished or the battles over, but God has definitely confirmed in our hearts and shown physical evidence that He intends to raise up a church in this village.

The souls saved have been fewer than we like, but God has blessed with seven professions of faith so far. On November 24, we had the honor of entering the baptismal waters with our first convert. A special added blessing was that it took place in Lighthouse Baptist Church with Pastor Sean Quinlan's permission. In fact, he also baptized three folks the same night.

This same man that was baptized has been through a discipleship study and a soul-winning study with me. The first night that he put his study in practice, we visited the village of Umatac, and this man had the blessing of seeing a cousin call on the Lord for salvation. Please pray for the continued growth and faithfulness of those who have come to the Lord for salvation.

The work is not finished, and the battles are not over. Please keep us before the Throne of Grace, that our precious Lord would grant strength, grace, and power to keep these old folks in the harvest field. Please pray also that we will see some of the seed sown begin to bring forth fruit for Jesus Christ. We are being blessed with new faces in some of the services.

We pray for you also as you labor in your field. It is our prayer that you will have a wonderful time of remembering our Lord's Incarnation Day, and that you will have a very blessed year in 2014.

Thank you sincerely for holding the lifeline with prayer and materials. Both are very necessary.

*Because of Christ,
Elwood and Doris Hurst*

*Unto us a child is born,
Unto us a son is given ...
Isaiah 9:6*

